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Dear Mr. Meier:

I am writing to provide input to the scoping of the South Delta Improvements Project. I am concerned that the project may have an impact on the recreational fisheries at San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area, which includes San Luis Reservoir and O'Neill Forebay.

The construction and operation of the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project have created a world-class fishery for striped bass at San Luis Reservoir SRA. Earlier modifications to the water projects have negatively impacted the recreational fishery by reducing the recruitment of striped bass into the system. Please assure that the EIR/EIS addresses any adverse effects of the South Delta Improvements Project on the recruitment of striped bass through the Delta Mendota Canal and the California Aqueduct to San Luis Reservoir SRA. If the project will cause any adverse effects to striped bass recruitment, health, or survivability, please include mitigation measures that will assure there will be no negative impacts on the recreational fishery.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Hardcastle
District Superintendent

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